

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented) A flat secondary battery comprising:

an electric-power generating element provided with positive and negative electrode collectors;

positive and negative electrode terminals for charge and discharge that are attached to said positive and negative electrode collectors, respectively, of said electric-power generating element; and

a third terminal that is attached directly to one of said positive and negative electrode collectors and that does not directly contact either of said positive and negative electrode terminals for charge and discharge.

2. (original) A flat secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein said third terminal is formed to extend in the direction differing from the extending direction of said positive and negative electrodes for charge and discharge.

3. (original) A flat secondary battery according to claim 2, wherein the direction in which said third terminal extends is perpendicular to said extending direction of said positive and negative electrodes for charge and discharge.

4. (previously presented) A flat secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein a temperature detecting sensor is attached to said third terminal.

5. (currently amended) A flat secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein said third terminal is connected to a ~~cell balancer~~ control circuit.

6. (previously presented) A flat secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein said electric-power generating element is made up of anode elements and cathode elements alternately stacked with a separator sandwiched between each anode element and each cathode element.

7. (previously presented) A flat secondary battery according to claim 1, provided with a casing of a laminate film.

8. (previously presented) A storage battery of a serial type using a plurality of flat secondary batteries according to claim 1.

9. (previously presented) A flat secondary battery according to claim 2, wherein a temperature detecting sensor is attached to said third terminal.

10. (previously presented) A flat secondary battery according to claim 3, wherein a temperature detecting sensor is attached to said third terminal.

11. (currently amended) A flat secondary battery according to claim 2, wherein said third terminal is connected to a ~~cell balancer~~ control circuit.

12. (currently amended) A flat secondary battery according to claim 3, wherein said third terminal is connected to a ~~cell balancer~~ control circuit.

13. (previously presented) A flat secondary battery according to claim 2, wherein said electric-power generating element is made up of anode elements and cathode elements alternately stacked with a separator sandwiched between each anode element and each cathode element.

14. (previously presented) A flat secondary battery according to claim 3, wherein said electric-power generating element is made up of anode elements and cathode elements alternately stacked with a separator sandwiched between each anode element and each cathode element.

15. (previously presented) A flat secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein said third terminal is attached directly to said one of said positive and negative electrode collectors at a position that is opposite and remote from a position where the respective one of said positive and negative electrode terminals for charge and discharge is attached to said one of said positive and negative electrode collectors.

16. (previously presented) A flat secondary battery according to claim 7, wherein said third terminal is attached to said one of said positive and negative electrode collectors inside said casing.

17. (previously presented) A flat secondary battery according to claim 1, further comprising an outer member that forms a body of the battery and wherein said third terminal is attached to said one of said positive and negative electrode collectors inside said outer member.